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## Study of the United States Institute Exchange Programs for 2007

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy Jakarta is pleased to announce the **Study of the United States Institute Exchange Programs for 2007**. Seven programs will take place in the U.S. between June and August 2007, and we hope to sponsor Indonesian participation in each of the programs.

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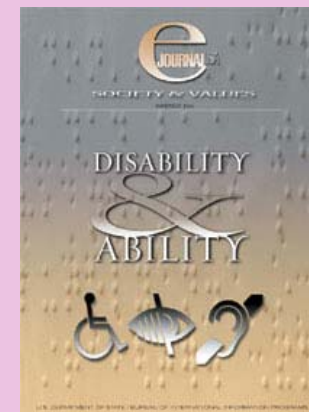
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Opening with President Bush's proclamation on the 16th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, this edition of E-Journal USA follows three themes from his speech; Guarding the Rights of Others, Building on the Progress, and Celebrating the Contributions.

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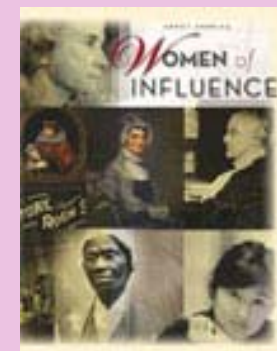
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007**

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

1. DEMOCRATS TO WATCH (National Journal, vol. 38, no. 46-47, November 18, 2006, pp 20-34)

This cover story profiles numerous House Democrats -- those expected to be leaders, renegades, power brokers, policy wonks, deal-makers, or even just expected to provide amusement to Congress-watchers. Among those to watch, there are representatives considered by the authors to be "old bulls," whom insiders are watching to see if they will follow House Speaker Pelosi's agenda or rebel. The authors mention which representatives are known to get along with Pelosi and which ones do not. The article also identifies leaders who will and will not get along with Republicans. Additionally, the article identifies those representatives linked to special interest groups, those who are "potential magnets for controversy," those who will likely will be seen as "media-hounds" and those who will be "the life of the party."

2. Dingle, Derek T. RISE OF THE BLACK REPUBLICANS (Black Enterprise, vol. 37, no. 4, November 2006, pp. 101-114)

It is a historical time for black Republicans in the United States, with GOP candidates thought to have a shot at many local and national races. The rise of black Republican candidates is seen as an attempt by the GOP to make inroads into the African-American community. Black Republican view this as progress, making the community less reliant on the Democrats and giving African Americans a voice in politics regardless of which party is in power. Issues of discrimination remain a problem for Black politicians, with Republicans 25 percent more likely to vote Democratic when a black candidate is running for the GOP. Support from the black electorate isn't guaranteed for African-American candidates either. Some voters are reluctant to break with the Democrats to support an African-American Republican candidate. However, it can no longer be assumed that African-American voters will exclusively support the Democratic Party.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND TRADE

3. Field, Alan FINANCIAL DIPLOMACY (Journal of Commerce, September 4, 2006, pp. 18-19)

Even as China's trade surplus with the United States continues to soar, U.S. businesses operating in China are pressing diplomacy to diffuse trade tensions between the two countries. The Bush administration has, in fact, turned away from confrontation with China over the exchange rate of the yuan. Instead, U.S. officials are working with the Chinese on making the reforms to their financial system that would make possible a fully floating currency.

4. Stokes, Bruce THE TRADING WORLD, POST-DOHA (National Journal, vol. 38, no. 43, October 28, 2006, pp. 62-63)

Stokes says that in a post-Doha world of proliferating preferential trade agreements, rich countries will lose their commitment to the fundamental principles of multilateralism. The delays in multilateral negotiations that are likely because of pending changes in both the U.S. and E.U. administrations (2008 and 2009, respectively) mean that serious talks probably will not resume until 2010 at the earliest, he explains. In the interim, he adds, bilateral trade deals are expected to reign along with narrow sector-specific deals. These deals will reduce developed countries incentives to support multilateral actions and drain off politically influential business-community support, he writes, since they will have already gotten what they wanted.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

5. Shirky, Clay TINY SLICE, BIG MARKET (Wired, November 2006, pp. 163-168)

One billion people are now regular Internet users, and their sheer numbers have changed the basic strategy for building a successful Web site. "Get big, get niche, or get out" is the former conventional wisdom, Shirky writes, but the vastness of the online audience now allows a Web site to serve a meganiche, an audience with very specialized, even obscure, interests. If a Web site identifies the right niche - devotees of cell phone software, or Japanese animation, for instance - it may attract a large, active and loyal audience from the vast universe of Web users. The trend is also causing advertisers to reevaluate their standards for placement of their brand. Not long ago, an advertiser was cautious about placing his brand in chat groups or audience-made content. Now advertisers are dropping some of those old conventions of the print world, and are willing to place their product, and spend advertising dollars, to reach targeted audiences.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

6. Fukuyama, Francis THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS TO "THE END OF HISTORY" (New Perspectives Quarterly, vol. 23, no. 2, Spring 2006, pp. 35-38)

Fukuyama, who teaches at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, points to several illusions that led to the current American position in the Middle East. These include the existence of weapons of mass destruction, the speed with which Iraq would transition to a successful democracy, and the reaction of the world to the invasion of Iraq. To remedy its current predicament, America needs more of a political strategy and less of a military one. We should not reshape the world through the use of force, but by establishing multilateral institutions that will create long-term incentives for stability.

7. Thornton, John L. CHINA'S LEADERSHIP GAP (Foreign Affairs, vol. 85, no. 6, November/December 2006, pp. 133-140)

In this essay Jacoby argues that the overwhelming majority of Americans want a combination of tougher enforcement and "earned citizenship" for the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in the country. He says the best way to regain control is not to crack down on illegal immigrants, but to liberalize U.S. laws by expanding quotas and establishing a guest-worker program more in line with the half-million new workers now needed each year to keep the U.S. economy growing. Jacoby also calls for "a national, mandatory, electronic employment-verification system" that informs employers in a timely way whether job applicants are authorized to work in the United States. Acknowledging the serious fears that immigrants will not or cannot assimilate, Jacoby says that eliminating "the vast illegal world of second-class noncitizens" would remove barriers to Americanization.

U.S. SOCIETY & VALUES

8. Davidson, Carla FOUR CENTURIES: HOW JAMESTOWN GOT US STARTED (American Heritage, vol. 57, no. 5, October 2006, pp. 29-31)

In a country where "we're not used to measuring history in great swaths of time", the author notes that the 1607 found

ing of America's first permanent English colony in Jamestown was already celebrated on its two hundredth anniversary, during Virginia's Grand National Jubilee in 1807. In 1957, Queen Elizabeth II appeared at the 350th anniversary celebrations; now, Virginia is gearing up for the four-hundredth anniversary of the birth of English America in May of next year "in the presence, it is hoped, of the Queen." Davidson describes the extensive renovations that have been carried out in the Jamestown area, including the discovery of the location of the settlement's original 1607 fort.

9. Rochette, Anne; Saunders, Wade PLACE MATTERS: LOS ANGELES SCULPTURE TODAY (Art in America, November 2006, pp. 168-170)

In a survey of nineteen Los Angeles-area sculptors, the authors note that "humor, wild energies and disrespect for esthetic codes run through the best L.A. art." They write that local artists have had the freedom of developing new ideas outside the strictures of the East Coast art scene; Los Angeles is a "city of the present, little marked by European history ... and tradition." Los Angeles as an art center "has never been fully been paid its due," notes one art critic. Local museums actively support the regional art scene, more so than in New York, so L.A. artists have a better chance to be shown.

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